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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner communication mailed January 13, 2003, Applicant elects group II, claims 7-22 for examination, with traverse.

According to the restriction requirement, Applicant further elects the following species for examination: claim 11, disposable tips; claim 13, piezoelectric pressure; claim 18, rigid glass; claim 19, polynucleotides; claim 20, total RNA; and claim 22, direct fluorescent reagents

REMARKS

The Examiner contends that group I and groups II-IV are related as process and apparatus for its practice, and the inventions are distinct because the process as claimed can be practiced by hand. Applicant respectfully disagrees.